

KEYTESVILLE CELEBRATES JULY 4--PLAN TO BE HERE

A Full and Complete Announcement and Program Will Be Published Later

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A STATEMENT OF THE LAW IN COMING PRIMARY ELECTION

Republicans Will Not Be Permitted to Vote Democratic Ticket in Primary in this County--Women Allowed Full Membership on County Central Committee.

At a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee of Chariton county at Keytesville on Wednesday, June 7th, a resolution was unanimously adopted directing each member of the committee to procure a challenger to serve in each precinct in his township and to challenge all persons offering to vote the Democratic ticket at the August Primary not known to be affiliated with the Democratic party. Each member of the committee pledged himself to see that this provision is complied with.

Section 4841 of the Statutes provides that a person asking for a ticket of a party other than that with which he is known to be affiliated shall not be permitted to vote such ticket unless he shall obligate himself by oath to support all of the nominees of the party whose ticket he attempts to vote. For some years past Republicans have been participating in the Primary vote and voting their own party ticket in November. Every effort will be made to stop the practice this time. The Attorney General, in a recent opinion, has held that this section of the law is enforceable and there are some rather severe penalties attached for violation of the law if invoked.

Among other matters the County Committee by resolution provided there should be elected two committeemen from each township to be members of the Democratic Central Committee with the recommendation that one of such members shall be a woman.

The other business transacted was making recommendation of persons for judges of election to the county court as provided by law.

RENICK BANK CHANGES

Within the past few weeks changes of paramount importance have taken place in the Farmers Bank at Renick. James Hardin, cashier, resigned his position and with his family will remove to Denver where they expect to locate. Mr. Hardin was a stockholder and director and also resigned this office. Charles Marshall was elected to fill the position as cashier. He is a man of ability and possesses the necessary qualifications for a good banker and will no doubt draw a new volume of business to the institution not before touched. Ralph Mitchell, a citizen and business man of Renick was elected as director. Ralph has been connected with the business there for 12 years and having made a success for himself will naturally benefit the institution.

The county is losing a splendid citizen in the departure of Mr. Hardin. No finer man ever lived than James Hardin and Renick will miss him as no other citizen.—Clark Chronicle.

FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE BUSY ON BILLS AND PROGRAM

Bills for the Keytesville Fourth of July celebration were generally circulated the first of the week. The work of getting up the program is now under way and the same will be out for inspection the first of the week. Word has been received from the Carnival company. They state just what they have and the list of attractions are given elsewhere.

That the celebration is going to be the greatest ever attempted in Keytesville this year there can be no question. The carnival, too, will be a great drawing card.

Next week the Courier will publish a complete list of events and also the list of prizes that will be distributed on that day.

THE McCLELLAND CARNIVAL

The McClelland carnival shows which will be here the week of July 4th, have the following attractions, and those who are looking forward to coming to Keytesville to celebrate the Fourth will be interested in knowing what the carnival has to offer in the way of amusement.

Merry-go-around, one of the swiftest on the road, Big Eli Ferris wheel, one of the largest ever built to travel with any carnival, Janbo Swing—

DENY MOBERLY ROAD REPORT

Jefferson City. Widely circulated unofficial reports emanating from Moberly purporting to state that Moberly had been placed upon a preferred type of highway under the state roadbuilding program recently authorized, brought vigorous denials from the State Highway Commission when the matter was called to the attention of the commission.

The reports have been published in Hannibal, Columbia, Chillicothe and other Missouri cities, all stating that "information from Moberly" was the source of the news.

"Any reports circulated over the state alleging that any particular highway has been designated as a preferred type road are without foundation," says a statement by the highway commission.

The state highway commission has authorized its engineers to make an investigation of all proposed highways which may be made superior type highways and has announced that when these investigations are completed, hearings will be held in Jefferson City upon the various routes.

"When that is done, the state highway commission itself will determine the location and in no other way is it possible to secure such action."

The Moberly report recently printed is said to have designated a cross-state route which supposedly had been selected as a preferred type road.

ANOTHER STILL NORTH OF NORBORNE

Sheriff Gibson and Prosecuting Attorney Whitman Locates Still and Fifteen Gallons of Whisky

A still was located three and one-half miles north of Norborne Thursday morning by Sheriff Gibson and Prosecuting Attorney Whitman.

The still was operated in the second story room in a house occupied by Adam Stark, Jr., and the operators were Frank and James Rodenberg.

The news of the approach of the sheriff reached the ears of the brothers and they tore away a portion of the still and threw it into a small ditch which was later located, also fifteen gallons of whisky, two barrels of mash and seventy-five pounds of corn sugar. All of the equipment was brought to Carrollton. The whisky was thrown away.

The boys reported to the sheriff and gave bonds for their appearance in court later.—Carrollton Democrat.

HEAVY WIND STORM AT HANNIBAL TUESDAY A. M.

Reports of great damage from a near tornado at Hannibal and Quincy which demolished houses and blew down telegraph poles are current at this time. There was but little rain.

SWALLOWING THE SMALL FISH

Rumor, and strong at that, says the Carrollton electric light and water plant has been "absorbed" by the Kansas City octopus, and the feelers of the same octopus are stretching questioningly toward the plant at Marceline. These rumors may be true, and there is not much doubt they are. The large corporations are gradually swallowing the smaller. The electric company promises to make power and light for a ridiculously low rate, but what assurance this rate will me kept up have the people got?—Marceline Herald.

something new, circus side show, featuring Count Zaino, the smallest magician in the world, athletic show with wrestlers and boxers that meet all comers, one of the swiftest colored minstrel shows on the road today with band and five piece orchestra.

Missouri Giant, weighs 630 pounds, 6 feet, 8 inches high, measures 7 feet, six inches around the waist, Little Tot, 29 inches high, 23 years old, weighs 40 pounds, that Strange Girl Sadie—don't fail to see her, Jungle Land and many other attractions.

This is one of the cleanest, up-to-date shows in the state, and is the only show that is recommended by the State Department of the American Legion with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo.

ESCAPE FROM THE COUNTY BASTILE SUNDAY

Sunday night Sheriff Wilks discovered that three prisoners had dug their way out of the jail and had made good their escape. Now of course, this was particularly exasperating for the sheriff through goodness of heart had allowed the three prisoners the freedom of the corridors because of the extremely hot Sunday afternoon.

The three young men, Nichols Hanson, Chas. B. Denny, Milton Luttrell, had been arrested at Brunswick on the 7th of June, last Wednesday, on the direct charge of beating their way out of the train. The arrest was demanded by Mr. Trent of Brunswick for two reasons. First, beating their way on the train, and second, because they were altogether too well dressed for regular bums, and it was thought that they had participated in a robbery and were being held for reports to arrive on such a charge. At their hearing they were sentenced to ten days and at the time of their escape had served only five days.

Mr. Wilks immediately called the Moberly bloodhounds and the men were tracked back to Brunswick and down the track a short distance out of town the dogs caught up with them and they were brought back to Keytesville.

Monday it developed that these young men were deserters from the army, and they will be taken to the Leavenworth barracks.

The escape of these men was rather easy. While in the corridors of the jail they found a mop stick and pail and they used a piece of the iron to dig their way out through the brick walls.

They came very nearly being discovered in their work, for during the afternoon Mr. Wilks had company who wished to see the jail. The sheriff took his position at the door and allowed the visitors to go inside. It later developed that the visitors saw the brick that the boys had dug out of the wall, but thought nothing of it and did not mention it to Mr. Wilks.

The young men when originally arrested gave fictitious names, but Monday when charged by the Sheriff as being deserters they admitted the fact and gave their correct names.

LONG FOR SENATOR CLUBS AMONG WOMEN

Last Saturday, June 10th, a large club was organized by the Democratic women of Salisbury, and on the same day a "Long for Senator Club" was organized by the women of Brunswick and Brunswick township. Under the leadership of Mrs. Jemima Hughes, member of the state committee, clubs are in the process of formation in townships all over the county which are as yet unorganized. The sentiment of the Democratic women of Chariton County seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of Long.

T. H. Edwards of Salisbury was a business caller in Keytesville Friday.

B. W. SCRIVNER HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM YET

B. W. Scrivner, plant engineer of the Moberly Light and Power Company, has not been heard of yet. Mrs. Scrivner arrived home last night on Wabash No. 11 from Jefferson City, where she had been visiting relatives. She had been away on a visit for a little more than a week and Mr. Scrivner was supposed to come to Jefferson City for her.

Instead she received a letter from him saying he was leaving. He gave no reason for it, nor did not say where he was going. His sudden departure was as much a surprise to the wife as it was to their many friends.

The couple did not have any trouble of any kind, Mrs. Scrivner told a Democrat representative.

Mrs. Scrivner visits her relatives at the capitol city every year about this time and Mr. Scrivner always went down after her for the trip home. He had planned to do so this time, Mrs. Scrivner said. Upon receiving the letter from her husband that he was leaving she returned home.

She said today she didn't have any idea where he went, nor why he left, as they had had no trouble.—Moberly Democrat.

3 COMPLETE STILLS ARE TAKEN IN RAID

County Attorney R. O'Bryan, Sheriff John Milam and Deputy Sheriff Harry Polson, got a tip a few days ago that a "white mule" still was in operation on a tract of unimproved land owned by Roy Quinn, about six miles southeast of Huntsville. Thinking perhaps Sunday would be a good time to catch the operators of the still these officers landed in that vicinity early Sunday morning last.

Leaving their auto they started afoot through woodland pastures and heavy undergrowth, over hills and ravines, and following suspicious looking trails found the object of their search, but the manufacturers of the famous old "mule" had been given a tip also, it is believed. Anyhow, no one was found in charge of the illicit plant. The officers then proceeded to take an inventory of the plant, consisting of nineteen big barrels of mash, three copper stills and attachments, one soldering torch, jugs, buckets and tubs, shot gun and rifle and other things used in such a business, but only a small jar of white-mule was found. The officers poured all the mash—principally can mash—out on the ground, except half a barrel of costly mash—peaches, apricots and prunes, which is in a state of fermentation, the odor of which can be scented several yards. In answer to a telephone message from the sheriff, three motor trucks were sent out from Huntsville to remove the plant to the county jail, where it is now stored. One of the stills is a new one and evidently had not been used. Each still will hold 15 or 20 gallons. It is believed the owners or operators of the still

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U. S. RAIL BOARD MAKES ANOTHER \$40,000,000 CUT

Chicago, June 11.—Wage reductions, estimated at not to exceed \$40,000,000 for 355,000 additional railway employees, whose wages the carriers seek to lower through the railroad labor board, are expected to issue from the board within a few days, to be effective July 1.

The new decision will make a total of approximately \$150,000,000 to be cut from the annual payrolls of the roads.

The bulk of those whom the new cut will hit are railway clerks, who number approximately 200,000. Their pay, it was said today, would not be cut more than 5 cents, however, and certain chief clerks and other supervisory clerical forces may not be included in the order at all.

About 5,000 train dispatchers, generally considered as subordinate officials, while coming under the pending decision, will not suffer any reduction according to authoritative information. Supervisory officials in the shop crafts, whose pay recently was slashed \$60,000,000, likewise receive no cuts.

Coal passers, oilers and water tenders, included in the general classification of stationery engineers and firemen, and freight handlers and other common labor included in the station employers' group are expected to receive a reduction of approximately 5 cents an hour, the same cut applied to common labor in the maintenance of way department. There are about 125,000 unskilled laborers in these two classes.

The signal men and marine employees, numbering 15,000 and 800, respectively, are expected to come under the reduction, but no figures are available to indicate the amount of their cut.

Anticipating a reduction, however, D. W. Helt, president of the signalmen, declared the board "probably would hamstring us," adding that he could find no justification for the cut to present to his men and that he expected them to vote to strike as soon as a decision was rendered.

E. H. Fitzgerald, president of the clerks, likewise declared a further cut was unreasonable and that his organization would begin a strike vote immediately when the decision is announced, in line with the agreement of the eleven organizations affected by the cuts to take strike votes, made at a conference in Cincinnati last week.

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MEETING ADJOURNED TO FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK

The town council met last Friday night as per adjournment and for the purpose of taking up the matter of securing an engineer to make plans for the water works system for Keytesville before the special bonding election shall be called.

Two engineering firms were present and each of the representatives laid their propositions before the council. The councilmen, however thought it best to go into the matter of the reliability of these firms before making the final arrangements for engaging anyone to go through with the work. The councilmen realize that a poor job of engineering is practically worse than none at all, and as it is the plan of the city to put in a system that will be adequate to all needs of the future, even to extending the system to the entire residence districts, it was thought best to look up the reliability of the concerns who will finally put in an engineer.

At the meeting Friday night undoubtedly an engineer will be engaged and then we're off.

Watch Keytesville go!

HON. FRED LAMB INTRODUCES "BRECK" LONG IN BROOKFIELD

Brookfield, Mo., June 8.—Circuit Judge Fred Lamb of Salisbury, who introduced Breckenridge Long to an audience of about 450 persons here tonight, declared that Senator James A. Reed, who was repudiated by the Democratic State Convention at Joplin in 1920, must be repudiated by the voters again on August 1.

Lamb made the motion in the Joplin convention under which Reed was defeated as delegate from the Fifth Missouri District to the national convention to which the Jackson County delegation had elected him.

The action of the convention was reviewed by Lamb. His attacks upon Reed's Democracy were met with applause from a majority of the audience.

Lamb reviewed the preparation of the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations, then added: "The Joplin State Convention endorsed the administration of Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations."

"A situation arose at that time which we must deal with now," he continued. "There was one man who was not content to follow the leadership of Woodrow Wilson, the commander in chief of his party, and that man now is drawing the salary of an United States Senator."

"He had been going about the country before the state convention attacking the Democratic party and its officials. He was first upon the back of President Wilson, then upon the back of Baker, and of Daniels, and finally upon the back of Hoover.

"Then, when he asked to be sent to the Democratic national convention the delegates at the Joplin convention replied with an emphatic 'No.'"

"He followed the delegates to San Francisco and there they patiently heard his case and turned him down again.

"The Democratic party wrote a platform at San Francisco. It had a right to declare the principles on which it would go before the country. Now, if I could not support my party's platform I would keep silent; if I could not support its candidates I would keep my mouth shut and stay out of Democratic councils.

"After the platform of the Democratic party was written and after its candidates had been nominated, Senator Reed came back to Missouri and went about over the state and country attacking the platform and attacking the candidates.

"Now we are confronted with the same Senator Reed who is asking for re-election and the approval of his course in fighting a Democratic platform. Democratic candidates for offices of a Democratic president.

"He wants to go back to Washington to finish the job which he has started in 1919 when he opened his fight upon the peace treaty and the policies of a Democratic president.

Lamb then said he had heard Reed refer disrespectfully to Wilson in a speech delivered at Salisbury. He quoted Reed as speaking of Wilson "As a long-eared animal that brays."

"That's how he characterized the greatest living American," Lamb added.

Lamb eulogized Long and declared that he would go out if nominated and make a fight for the entire ticket.

"I supported Senator Reed for 20 years," said Lamb, "and he still owes me for political service. I supported him until 1920, then I had as much of Reed as I could stand.

"I know when I've had enough. I am not only against Senator Reed, but I am strongly for Breckenridge Long. Breckenridge Long is well fitted for the senatorship. He was big enough to lead his ticket by more than 10,000 votes in 1920 and I am for him heart and soul."

UNABLE TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR HYDE

Jefferson City.—the Constitutional Convention—the (Can "Canvassers")—has been in session since May 1 and up to June 2 a committee had not been able to notify Governor Hyde that it was in session. The Governor has been out of the city most of the time and as a result the committee has been unable to make an appointment with him. Some Republican members of the canvassers have been rather severe in their condemnation of the governor for his prolonged absence.

Explosion Wrecks Harvard Laboratory



A view of the interior of the Jefferson laboratory at Harvard university that was totally demolished by an explosion which is said to have originated in a gas or oil tank, two men were killed and many were severely injured.